Il Castello di Gallupicoso

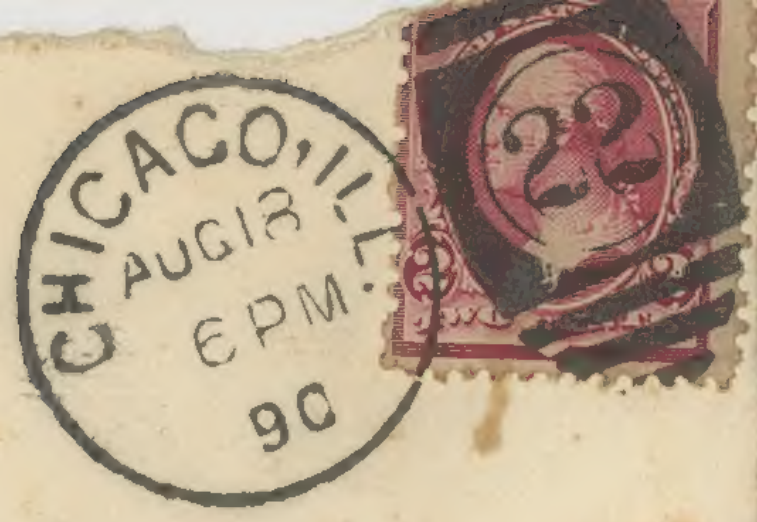
August 19th

My darling Girlie.

I dont know that I can answer your last letter for it disappeared immediately after I had read it. I can only suppose it followed Ida's milk tickets which are gone also. I am so glad you are enjoying yourself so much & gaining all the strength you can, but dont be too dissipated. I have pulled through the worst of the struggle, but there are a few hard days yet in store for me, but Geneva Lake proved worthy of the confidence we reposed in it, I feel perfectly equal to the necessities of the occasion. We had a great struggle to get ready for Grandma yesterday. I was in hope she would have stayed a few days with Addie as she will find it hard to wait for anything, & my life is made up of waiting & a few days. By a special dispensation I succeeded in getting the carpet here ahead of the

rest & so Maggie Ball Ida
& I got every thing fixed
for her ready for her arrival
to-morrow. I have had a
nice time evenings, Papa
being able to walk with me
go to Market, eh, every day.
now I shall miss my chick
-abuddies more, as his
attentions will be taken
up as usual. It has been
like another trip to England
only instead of being tired
with sight seeing, I have been
tired with house settling
pretty much the same
in the long run. Papa
thinks you had better
not attempt to make a visit
at Cousin Lauras this
time, as you have had
so many expensive trips
this summer, & Leicester
will probably be pretty
shabby by this time, besides
the travelling will probably
be somewhat complicated
a batch of good reasons
I hope you are both giving
as little trouble as possible
It must have been real hard

for from Cousin Mary
to have you both there
during her illness.
I see it is nearly half
past two so I must
get ready for School
I rather dread the walk
my feet are so tired
Carrie was over last
night. She is very
delighted with Col.
& the mountains.
Auntie quite well
again. I took lunch
at Jennies with Kath
& Nettie one day
last week
I am off
Your loving
Mother.



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